

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, January 4th 1917:

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none:

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted:

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Marshal, the Public Weigher, the Assessor & Collector of taxes for the month of December, also the Annual report of the Assessor & Collector & the Public weigher, all of which reports were read and ordered filed.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following emergency appropriations to be used until the Budget for 1917, is adopted: viz:

\$ 3,000.00, out of the General street fund, to pay for Labor:

\$ 12,000.00, out of the Permanent street fund to pay for Labor,

\$ 2,000.00, out of the Sanitary Sewer fund to pay for labor,

\$ 5,000.00, out of the Sanitary sewer Earnings fund to pay for labor,

Seperate resolutions appropriating the different amounts above mentioned, were read and adopted by the following vote:

Ye: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

All approved by A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the following appropriations are hereby made out of the Earnings fund of the Water, Light & Power Dept of the City of Austin, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover all emergencies in the operation, maintenance, etc, of said department, pending the adoption of the regular budget for the year 1917, to-wit:

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Office salaries                    | \$ 2,176.66  |
| Plant                              | 4,257.00     |
| Water Line                         | 740.00       |
| Electric Line Salaries             | 850.00       |
| Temporary labor, Plant & Lines     | 8,000.00     |
| Buildings and grounds              | 500.00       |
| Machinery & Equipment              | 750.00       |
| Oil & Waste                        | 100.00       |
| Fuel                               | 4,000.00     |
| Unloading fuel                     | 200.00       |
| Printing, Stationery & Postage     | 200.00       |
| Damages, cost and Attorneys fees   | 100.00       |
| Miscellaneous- refunds, etc        | 250.00       |
| Incidentals                        | 200.00       |
| For the purchase of Material, etc, | 5,000.00     |
| Total                              | \$ 27,333.66 |

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

Reports Read.

Emergency Appropriations.

W. L. & P. Dept.

Emergency Appropriations

Fine -  
Walter Burnes

On motion of Councilman Anthony, the fine and costs assessed against Walter Burnes in the Recorders Court, in cause No 11505, charged with sleeping in a public place, were remitted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be, and he is hereby

authorized to dispose of the reinforced steel left on hand from the construction of the reinforced concrete bridges.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Woolridge, Mayor.

Mayor Woolridge offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the accompanying specifications for the construction of sidewalks on the east side of Lavaca street between 12th & 13th streets, and on the north side of 12th street between Colorado and Lavaca streets, be and the same are hereby approved, and

Be it further resolved:

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be, and he is hereby, authorized to advertise for bids for this work, said bids to be received until 11 O'clock A M of Thursday the 11th day of January A D 1917.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Woolridge, Mayor.

The Mayor presented an application for drivers license for service car from Grant Garber, which was granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none:

By Councilman Powell Resolution ordering improvement of the alley from 2nd to 3rd streets between Congress Avenue and Brazos streets in the City of Austin, Texas, and approving specifications, proposal, contract and bond therefor

The resolution was read the 1st time and laid over for one week.

By Councilman <sup>Brown</sup> ~~Anthony~~, resolution ordering the improvement of the alley from Brazos to San Jacinto streets between 4th & 5th streets in the City of Austin, Texas, and approving specifications, proposals, contract and bonds therefor

The resolution was read the first time and laid over for one week.

Bridges -  
Sale of Steel left over

Sidewalks -  
Lavaca St.  
2nd St.

Drivers License -  
Grant Garber

Alley -  
Brazos to Congress

Alley from 4th to 5th

By Councilman Powell, resolution ordering the improvement of the alley from 2nd to 3rd streets between Congress Avenue and Colorado street in the City of Austin, Texas, and approving specifications, proposal, contract and bonds therefor.

The resolution was read the 1st time and laid over for one week.

January 6th 1917: All present except Powell

The Mayor laid before the Council applications from Frank Swander & Henry Allen for licenses as drivers service cars, which were granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 11

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That an anticipatory appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) be and the same is hereby made out of the Park fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay for miscellaneous bills.

This appropriation is to be included later in the annual appropriation for the Park fund to be submitted in the budget of the Mayor of this City, probably during the present month.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 11

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That an anticipatory appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) be and the same is hereby made out of the Cemetery fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay for miscellaneous bills.

This appropriation is to be included later in the annual appropriation for the Cemetery fund to be submitted in the budget of the Mayor of this City, probably during the month of January 1917.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilman Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 11

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

By Mayor Wooldridge, An ordinance granting to C E Schaff, Receiver of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas and its properties, the right and requiring said Receiver, his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate railroad switches and service tracks or turnouts upon the certain alleys and across certain streets in the City of Austin subject to certain conditions.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Paving  
Streets

Drivers Licenses  
Frank Swander  
Henry Allen

Park Fund.

Cemetery Fund.

C. E. Schaff, Receiver  
M. K. & T. R.  
Austin

January 8th 1917: All present:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That P S Spiller, Cashier of the Sanitary Sewer Earnings fund, be instructed to refund to Louis Silverstein the sum of five dollars and seventy five cents (\$ 5.75) on account of him paying this amount for sewerage at 1304 E 5th street, 1210 E 5th street, 1206 E 5th street and 408 E 6th street to the 31st of March 1917,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Application of R C Stovall for license as driver of service car, was presented & license granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Haynes 3

Absent Councilmen Anthony & Powell 2

January 3rd 1917:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That leave is hereby granted to Walsh & Burney, contractors to build the new Land Office at the corner of Brazos and East 11th street in this City, to use all of Brazos street from the alley between 10th & 11th streets to 11th street, save and except a roadway of twenty (20) feet which they are to keep open and unobstructed between the line of material which they may wish to deposit in the construction of this building upon Brazos street and the west sidewalk curbing along Brazos street from said alley to 11th street.

That they are also given the right and privilege to use thirty (30) feet from the property line of 11th street for the deposit of material and the doing of work in the erection of said New Land Office building.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Louis Silverstein -  
Sewerage Refund.*

*Drivers' License  
R. C. Stovall.*

*Land Office -  
Permit for  
Walsh & Burney  
to use streets.*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That A L Keller be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of Election in the 6th ward of this City in place of W J McNamara who has moved from said Ward.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the appeal of Mrs Maud McDonald from the action of the Board of Equalization of this City in fixing a valuation of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars upon her lot 60X 128 feet, the same being the South East corner of Outlot 25 Div "E" of this City and situated at the corner of Nueces and West 18th streets, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of H E Townsend that personal property in the amount of two hundred and twenty (\$ 220.00) dollars, was assessed against him for the year 1915, when as a matter of fact said personal property had been removed from the County of Travis some three months before the 1st day of January 1915,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the personal property against the said H E Townsend for the year 1915 in the amount of two hundred and twenty (\$ 220.00) dollars be ordered stricken from the assessment rolls of the City of Austin, Texas.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the appeal of Mrs Maud McDonald, from the action of the Board of Equalization in valuing her lot, 22 X 150 feet, situated at the corner of West 12th & Nueces street in this City at the price of one thousand, nine hundred (\$ 1,900.00) dollars, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

A. L. Keller -  
Appointed Election Clerk

Mrs. Maud McDonald -  
Valuation of  
Property.

H. E. Townsend -  
Tax Assessment.

Mrs. Maud McDonald -  
Valuation of  
Property.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That for good and sufficient reasons unto the City Council moving, the balance of the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 10.80) in cause No 11321, State of Texas vs Joe Hughes, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council moving, the balance of the fine and costs, amounting to two & 80/100 (\$ 2.80) in cause No 11498, State of Texas vs L B Moffatt, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for intoxication, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Jan 8th 1917

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That leave is hereby granted to the Woman's Suffrage Society to suspend a banner across the sidewalk at No 909 Congress Avenue in this City.

This cloth banner will be about ten to twelve feet long and Eighteen inches wide.

This permit is good for sixty days from and after this date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

January 2nd 1917: handed the Clerk Jan 11th 1917

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

January 8th 1917:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That permit be and is hereby granted to the Western Union Telegraph Co to install and maintain in front of their place of business in the Hancock building on West 6th street in this City an electric light sign of the same general character and design as the sign now installed by said Company at said above described place, with the change only that it will be a more pronounced electric sign than the one now installed at said place, and it will be illuminated

Fine -  
Joe Hughes

Fine -  
L B Moffatt

Woman's Suffrage Society -  
Permit for Sign

Western Union Tele-  
graph Co.  
Sign

with thirty electric light bulbs.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Weeldridge, Mayor:

The Mayor offered the following resolution :

January 2nd 1917:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the petition of G Fluryte install an electric light sign of the following approximate description ,at No 2103 Speedway in this City, be and the same is hereby allowed:

Said sign is to be about 3 feet in width and approximately 40 feet in height. It is to have placed thereon the words " American National Bank" on each side and facing north and south ;said sign will be illuminated with 350 - 5 watt electric lights.

Permission is granted to the said G Fluryte guy said sign by attaching same with strong wires to ~~XXXX~~ poles securely stubbed 6 feet in concrete into the ground and the wires are to be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. The sign hereby authorized is to be entirely on the property of the said G Flury and the poles to which the guy wires are permitted to be attached are to be on the curb line of the east sidewalk of Speedway in front of the property of the said G Flury, and

Be it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That this permit is revocable at the pleasure of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Weeldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Weeldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1917, to pay for urgent miscellaneous needs of the City, as they may arise, before the budget of the city for the year 1917 can be formulated.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Weeldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*Frank Johnson*  
City Clerk

G. Flury -  
Electric Sign  
Permit.

Gen'l Contingent Fund -  
\$500.00 appropriation